

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

--1. (Amended) An amino acid composition suitable for hemodialysis, comprising amino acids in the following proportions, based on the total weight of the amino acids:



|     | wt%         | wt%         |
|-----|-------------|-------------|
|     | Lower Limit | Upper Limit |
| Gln | 14.0        | 23.0        |
| Ala | 7.0         | 12.0        |
| Pro | 6.0         | 10.5        |
| Val | 5.0         | 9.5         |
| Gly | 3.5         | 6.0         |
| Lys | 6.5         | 11.0        |
| Leu | 3.5         | 6.0         |
| Thr | 3.0         | 5.5         |
| Ser | 2.0         | 4.0         |
| Arg | 4.0         | 6.5         |
| His | 2.5         | 5.0         |
| Ile | 1.5         | 3.0         |
| Tyr | 2.0         | 3.8         |
| Orn | 2.2         | 4.5         |
| Glu | 1.5         | 3.5         |
| Phe | 2.0         | 3.5         |
| Cys | 1.8         | 3.5         |
| Asn | 1.1         | 2.2         |
| Trp | 1.3         | 2.8         |
| Cit | 1.0         | 2.0         |
| Met | 0.5         | 1.2         |